

The Decline of the Pentecostal Assemblies of Canada

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The following are two open letters written independently of one another over a period of time. Each deals with a PAOC leader and/or topic. It's certainly disturbing that the leadership of the Pentecostal Assemblies of Canada has embraced error on various fronts. It is my desire and passion in this booklet to (1) bring to the forefront what is taking place in the PAOC and (2) to trust God to move in and through the members of this great denomination to hold their national and regional leadership accountable. In order to gain a clear understanding of the issues I deal with in both open letters, please be sure to click the links provided in each open letter.

1: An Open Letter to Glad Tidings Pentecostal Church in Moncton, NB

For those reading this who have no idea who Torben is and what his heretical theology encompasses, click [**here**](#) before continuing this Open Letter.

Dear Glad Tidings Moncton:

First, I write this Open Letter publicly as you hosted Torben publicly. Some feel it would be beneficial to go to you privately but in that you continue to support this teacher's false theology and do so openly, it is only fitting to respond openly and publicly.

It has been some time now since you hosted false teacher [Torben Sondergaard](#) for a Kickstarter Weekend. As such, I believe that enough time has passed in which you could have sufficiently investigated the doctrinal positions of this man and released a public statement - both to your [PAOC](#) family and to the general Christian Community - on your position. You have not done so and as a result, I am compelled to publish this Open Letter.

As you know, there are those within your denomination - the [Pentecostal Assemblies of Canada](#) - who have taken a stand against your inviting Torben to your church. Godly PAOC Pastors have risen up to speak out lovingly against this

move by Glad Tidings Pentecostal Church... and rightly so. Others, of other denominations, have done the same.

Men of sound reason and godly wisdom have taken a position against what [Glad Tidings Moncton](#) has labelled as being of the Holy Spirit. Why do you suppose this is? Are these PAOC Pastors in deception and under a religious spirit? Are they blind to the true moving of the Spirit of God? If not, then you must be; if so, then you're not. Two opposites in such a scenario cannot both be truth. Either the PAOC Pastors who have risen up against your endorsement of Torben are deceived... or you are.

On your website, you list a message by false teacher Torben Sondergaard (link: <http://gtmoncton.com/sermon/torben-sondergaard>) so I can safely conclude that Glad Tidings Moncton continues to endorse and support the ministry of a man who is clearly heretical in his essential convictions.

As such, I wanted to ask the leadership - especially the Pastoral Leadership - of Glad Tidings Pentecostal Church Moncton two simple yet profound questions:

1- Does Glad Tidings Pentecostal Church in Moncton, NB, now hold to Baptismal Regeneration as Torben has made it clear that water baptism is essential for Salvation? For Torben's heretical view, click [here](#) and then [here](#)

- If you answer "Yes" to the above question, you can no longer rightfully or in good conscience remain a member of the Pentecostal Assemblies of Canada as such a view is not held by your denomination. If you answer "No" to the above question, why then did you allow and continue to endorse a ministry who holds to a cultic view of Salvation? (*See footnote below*)

2- Does Glad Tidings Pentecostal Church believe that **this** represents a genuine Baptism/Filling in the Holy Spirit? While that video is not from your church, a similar occurrence took place at Glad Tidings when Torben was present. Does this represent the Book of Acts? Absolutely not.

- If you answer "Yes" to the above question, can you give any examples of such nonsense in the Word of God? If you answer "No" to the above question, why have you not sternly rebuked this open display of mockery against the precious Baptism of the Holy Spirit? Both Torben and the woman he's "ministering" to are under a delusion. To treat the Baptism in the Holy Spirit in such a dishonoring way is unbelievable; to remain silent on it is disturbing indeed.

Conclusion

I certainly do not expect an authorised representative of Glad Tidings Pentecostal Church to "actually" take the time to respond to the above two questions; though I do pray that they would consider making a statement. Even if not directly to this Open Letter... at the very minimum to their fellow brothers and sisters of the Maritime District of the Pentecostal Assemblies of Canada. I am aware that a statement was sent out by the District some time ago; whether Glad Tidings was a part of that or not, I do not know. One thing I do know is that [Pastor Paul Pattison](#), as the Senior Pastor of the church, must consider carefully the ramifications of continuing to support and endorse a ministry which has been shown to be heretical and on the fringe.

In continuing to support Torben Sonogaard's The Last Reformation, you risk losing the support of godly PAOC ministers - as well as the support of others - due to your support of that which doctrinally and historically is in grave error; namely, baptismal regeneration. Of course there are other issues but this one is the primary as it deals directly with Salvation and is an attack on the Finished Work of Jesus Christ.

While I have no doubt whatsoever that you do not as a whole affirm such a teaching, your dogmatic support of a ministry which does leaves those within (and without) your fellowship scratching their heads. In standing with a ministry who's message concerning Soteriology is heretical, you stand against the truth. This ought not be.

Your history is rich and your legacy should never be one of division... yet this is what your endorsement of a false teacher has brought to your own denomination. Being the flagship PAOC church of the Maritimes, your responsibility to your denominational fellowship and the greater Christian community at large is a great one.

My prayer is that those who read this - and the PAOC Pastors who have contacted me via my other articles on Torben being at GT - will encourage you to take a closer look at your endorsements and will encourage you to investigate your current endorsement of Torben Sonogaard and The Last Reformation.

Pastor Paul Pattison... you're a godly man with a heart for the Body of Christ and for the Salvation of the Lost. I pray that God will continue to use you, bless your local fellowship and bring the Revival I know and believe you long for!

In Christ,

Dan Lirette

Footnote: While water baptism is not essential for Salvation - as God saves apart from water - it is also much more than a mere symbol as most churches teaches.

Water Baptism is part and parcel of receiving the Gospel of Jesus Christ (Acts 2:38-39; Acts 10; Acts 19; 1 Peter 3:21) just as faith and repentance are. These three - faith, repentance and water baptism - are the three things that God calls and commands all people to do in order to receive Salvation. Does God save apart from water baptism? Of course (Acts 10; 1 Peter 3:21) yet water baptism is a command; it's also identifying with Jesus Christ's own death, burial and resurrection and when we come up out of the water we're to walk in newness of life by the Power of the Holy Spirit at work within us (Romans 6).

2: An Open Letter to David R. Wells, general superintendent of the Pentecostal Assemblies of Canada

David R. Wells is the General Superintendent of the Pentecostal Assemblies of Canada. The following is a screengrab of his Facebook profile with a post from him stating: *"Greeting Pope Francis on behalf of the Pentecostal World Fellowship and the PAOC at the 50th Anniversary Celebrations of the Charismatic Movement. Afterwards we were honoured to be part of the platform party at the Prayer/Praise Celebration at Circus Maximus with 10,000's of thousands from around the World. Inspiring, Spirited-empowered celebration of Pentecost."*



There are several disturbing aspects to David R. Wells' post and the photo of Mr. Wells greeting the pope is telling indeed. If a picture can speak a thousand words, this picture does just that.

Mr. Wells, I would like to ask you a few questions; I pray that you'll take time to consider the implications of what you've done; not only as a Believer but as a Man of God who represents a national denomination:

1- How is it that you can celebrate 50 years of the Charismatic Movement with a cult? The Roman Catholic Church is a heretical cult which teaches Salvation by works as opposed to the Biblical doctrine of justification by faith alone; they also promote idolatry and various abominable practices that the Lord hates. You should know this, dear brother. Why then have you compromised the truth of the Gospel of Jesus Christ in attending a celebration which extols, not the Holy Spirit of the Scriptures, but rather another spirit (2 Corinthians 11:4)? In celebrating with the corporate body of the Roman Catholic Church, you've aligned with what God hates. (Source [here](#))

This was not a "Spirit empowered celebration"; this was a gathering of Roman Catholics who have had an experience that they claim in the genuine baptism in the Holy Spirit... but was it? On an individual level, there are certainly Born Again Catholics; on a corporate level, the church's own official doctrines teach

blatant outright contradictions to the Word of God in relation to Salvation. To call this a "Spirit empowered celebration" is an insult to the true working of the Holy Spirit of God.

2- In greeting the pope, did you preach repentance from sin and faith in Jesus Christ alone to him? This man is lost and without God. The pope himself stated that those without the Gospel will be in Glory. I quote: "On the contrary, the Lord has created us in His image and likeness, and has given us this commandment in our heart: Do good and do not do evil. The Lord has redeemed all of us, all of us, with the Blood of Christ: all of us, not just Catholics. Everyone! 'Father, what about the atheists?' Even the atheists. Everyone! And this Blood makes us first class children of God! We are created children in the likeness of God and the Blood of Christ has redeemed us all! And we all have a duty to do good. And this commandment for everyone to do good, I think, is a beautiful path towards peace. If we, with everyone doing his own part; if we do good to others, if we meet there, doing good, and we go slowly, gently, little by little, we will make that culture of meeting: we need that so much. We must meet one another doing good. 'But I don't believe, Father, I am an atheist!' But do good! We shall meet there."

Mr David R. Wells, surely you shared the Good News of Salvation in Christ alone with the pope? I pray you did... though I don't believe you took that opportunity. The photo above .. I'm certainly not suggesting you were "awe struck" but I am suggesting that you certainly look it. There is never a certain "time and place" to reach people with the saving Gospel of Jesus Christ; we're to be in season and out of season; ready to give an answer for the Hope that is within us at every opportunity. Did you take that opportunity, Mr. Wells?

3- Were you not the least bit sensitive to what your denominational leaders would have thought of you attending this "celebration"? I know firsthand that there are Pentecostal Assemblies of Canada members who are grieved at your attendance and apparent support of the Roman Catholic Church's "Holy Spirit Celebration". Did it not cross your mind to consult - not with a few leaders - but with all them, in order to attain to the Will of God on this matter of affirming the RC Celebration? You have the platform to do this; did you? If so, who did you consult? If not, why not? You have caused division in your own denomination due to your acceptance of that which God calls detestable in His sight (2 Corinthians 6:14-18).

In conclusion

While a brief open letter, I believe it's an essential one. After I commented on your post and seeing you deleted it... I'm curious as to how many other dissenting voices you deleted. This is unfortunate. Your post has "only" positive comments; this gives a deceptive appearance, Mr. Wells.

I encourage you to re-consider your position on aligning with an organization who's history is paved with the blood of the Saints. I encourage you to "come out from among them and be separate" from that which is at war with the Lord of Heaven, the Lord of Hosts.

David; your spirit is not right in this, dear brother. Your days as General Superintendent are indeed numbered; that is, if there are enough godly and discerning leaders within the denomination. Your reputation and integrity have been compromised in this, my brother; I plead with you to reconsider all of what you've done and to repent and to repent openly and publicly.

The Pentecostal Assemblies of Canada, by this very act, shows that it's lost it's way; it's fallen by the wayside as a whole and is in need of restoration.

Revelation 2:18-29 "Write this letter to the angel of the church in Thyatira. This is the message from the Son of God, whose eyes are like flames of fire, whose feet are like polished bronze: "I know all the things you do. I have seen your love, your faith, your service, and your patient endurance. And I can see your constant improvement in all these things. "But I have this complaint against you. You are permitting that woman—that Jezebel who calls herself a prophet—to lead my servants astray. She teaches them to commit sexual sin and to eat food offered to idols. I gave her time to repent, but she does not want to turn away from her immorality. "Therefore, I will throw her on a bed of suffering,[c] and those who commit adultery with her will suffer greatly unless they repent and turn away from her evil deeds. I will strike her children dead. Then all the churches will know that I am the one who searches out the thoughts and intentions of every person. And I will give to each of you whatever you deserve. "But I also have a message for the rest of you in Thyatira who have not followed this false teaching ('deeper truths,' as they call them—depths of Satan, actually). I will ask nothing more of you except that you hold tightly to what you have until I come. To all who are victorious, who obey me to the very end, To them I will give authority over all the nations. They will rule the nations with an iron rod and smash them like clay pots. They will have the same authority I received from my Father, and I will also give them the morning star! "Anyone with ears to hear must listen to the Spirit and understand what he is saying to the churches."